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COMPANY B IN CAMP AT DOUGLAS

"Our Boys" Reach Point of Mobilization and Pitch Their Tents

CAMP NAMED HARRY J. JONES

Letter from Sergeant Smith Gives Interesting Account of Camp Life

We received the following letter Friday evening from R. W. Smith, Quartermaster Sergeant, Company B ("Curs"). Sergeant Smith gave a graphic description of the journey to the border of Safford's company and also an interesting account of "our boys" doings in Camp Harry J. Jones. The letter is as follows:

CAMP HARRY J. JONES, DOUGLAS, ARIZ., May 17, 1916.

TO JOHN F. WEBER, Esq., Editor Graham Guardian, Safford, Arizona.

FRIEND JOHN:—It is now blowing like seven thousand fiends and this little old machine is covered with dust an inch thick, good old Arizona dust. At the present time the tents of the company across the company street (30 feet), cannot be seen with any degree of distinction. However, it makes no material difference to the boys; they are all out now at different kinds of fatigue work; some making 'dobe' for the camp kitchens and incinerators (receptacles wherein there is burning a continuous fire and into which all rubbish must be thrown, thereby insuring a sanitary camp).

I think it well at this point to take you through a tiresome and tedious resume of the company's actions from the time they left the fair valley of the Gila.

The leavetaking is to you well known; that is, the part which you, who remained behind, could see; what you could not see, perhaps, was the ache in the hearts of most of the boys as they saw and felt the warmth and sincerity of the good byes of the "folks at home."

As we pulled out of the little station, going we knew not where, we knew to a man that those whom we left behind were sending their hearts with us, and I tell you those hearts are needed right here. That, my friend, is to be one of the biggest things in the campaign through which we may have to go. There is, perhaps, not a man in camp who has not a picture of some loved one; some token of remembrance in his watch or in his loose-leaf notebook, where it can be carried nearest to his heart. And, sir, those kind of men are the kind who have something for which to fight and who can not fail.

As we passed through the various towns and villages en route, it was a revelation to see how the boys conducted themselves.

Not once did anyone become boisterous or make a demonstration, but at all times conducted themselves as the utmost gentlemen. A thing hardly to be expected of an organization so young, or, in fact, of an organization of any age.

The train pulled into Douglas at about 7:30 and the company marched to the camping ground, about a mile and half from the depot. That night under the stars and the moon, they pitched their pup tents and sang the while, despite their fatigue.

The next day the squad tents were pitched, a tent about twelve feet square, in which eight men live, and the kitchen tent put up; also the company street was graded and cleared of brush. The boys worked like trojans and in no time the place was shipshape. The next day, the remainder of the regiment of the National Guard detrained and pitched camp beside us. There are now 11 companies of National Guard in camp and it has a wonderfully businesslike appearance, too.

The regimental street runs the entire length of the regiment, from north to south. On the east side the company streets extend, a row of tents to each company facing north and a company street in front of each, about 20 feet wide. On the west side of the regimental street are the officers' tents, facing their respective companies. The regimental

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Held Successful Meeting at the Court House Saturday Afternoon

The Trustees' Association of Graham County, met in the court house at Safford, Saturday, May 20th. John F. Nash, President of the Association, took charge in the forenoon. Superintendent S. C. Heywood presided in the afternoon.

Many timely subjects were discussed among them the uniform opening of schools, and it was decided to open all schools about the first week in September and have a uniform holiday at Christmas time of one week. Care and supervision of school houses and grounds was taken up and it was decided to make an effort to improve the same.

In the afternoon, Superintendent Heywood explained the method of making out estimates of expenses for the coming year.

The matter of cooperation of school districts in buying supplies in order to get better prices and lower freight rates, was considered and acted on favorably. Mr. Dexter, of the McNeil Co., Phoenix was in town and volunteered to explain the advantages, both to the school districts and school supply houses, of handling in large quantities, instead of small separate shipments to each district.

It was moved and carried that a purchasing board be appointed by the school superintendent, to act on bids and let the contract for furnishing supplies to the schools in Graham county for the coming year.

John F. Nash was re-elected president and W. F. Preston secretary.

In point of number of trustees attending, enthusiasm shown and work accomplished, the meeting was a success. Reading circle work was taken up and considered, and it was suggested that the trustees have a sort of circulating library relative to school administration. The trustees are to be commended for the interest shown, considering that no pay is forthcoming for their services.

We bespeak one of the most successful school years for the coming year of any previous year. It is considered that the Trustees' Association of Graham county will be a strong factor in the future for the advancement of the educational work of our schools.

APPOINTED CHAPLAIN

Rev. George L. Horene, pastor of the Union Church and a private in Company B, First Regiment, A. N. G., has been appointed chaplain for the regiment, which is now in camp at Douglas.

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street has been graded and the company streets will be in a short time; also, the streets will all be oiled and sprinkled.

Yesterday, the 14th regiment of Infantry, U. S. A., from the state of Washington, encamped adjoining this regiment on the north. That same night one of their members was shot in the ankle with a spent bullet. That does not mean, however, that we are in danger of being shot, as that is the first and only bullet that seems to have fallen on this side since we have been here.

Each night, however, we can see the camp fires and signal rockets of the Mexican forces on the hill-sides across the line. We, by the way, are stationed about three hundred yards from the line, and (the irony of fate), adjacent and contiguous to a well-filled and very attractive graveyard. The headstones, however, will make splendid cover should there ever be an engagement.

We have nice hours as follows: First call, 5:30 a. m.; reveille, 5:55; assembly, 6:00; mess, 6:15; drill, 7:45; mess, 12:00; fatigue, 1:00 p. m.; retreat, 5:30; mess 5:45; first call retreat, 6:05; assembly, 6:10; retreat, 6:15; tattoo, 9:00; call to quarters, 10:45; taps 11:00. From retreat until 11:00 o'clock, the men get passes to leave camp, getting them in turn, so that each man will get one day, or rather evening, off in every three or four.

In closing for the present, will say that our men would go thru hell if I need be for our officers, of which I shall tell you more next week, as it would take too much space for this letter.

Sincerely,
R. W. SMITH.

HIGHWAY ASSURED

State Engineer Cobb, Guest at Clifton Banquet, Gives Details for New Road

A banquet was given in the Clifton Hotel, Clifton, Tuesday night, by the Clifton Chamber of Commerce, of which W. B. Kelley, editor of the Copper Era, is president.

The banquet was given in honor of State Engineer Lamar Cobb and outside guests, among whom were Mr. Carmichael, general manager of the Arizona Copper Co., Mr. Kidder, general manager of the Mogollon Mines Co., and the Safford contingent, Geo. A. Foote, supervisor; Dolph Foote, Martin Layton, clerk of the board of supervisors, R. J. Young, county surveyor, and about seventy-two Clifton business men.

One object of the banquet was to hear the final details of the State highway from Clifton to Solomonville and Safford, which were given by State Engineer Cobb.

The banquet was a very enjoyable affair and a decided success. As a result of the banquet, the board of supervisors of Greenlee county, State Engineer Cobb, George A. Foote, Dolph Foote, Martin Layton and R. J. Young met Wednesday morning and concluded the details for the building of the State highway.

State Engineer Cobb stated at the meeting that \$80,000 was in sight for the building of the highway and 150 convicts to do the work. A formal request was made to the State Board of Control to secure prison labor and it is expected that this force will be brought from Yuma county, where they are now employed on road work.

State Engineer Cobb will begin the survey for the new highway today, and there will be money enough to build the highway from Clifton through the hills and possibly enough in sight to complete the road to Solomonville.

The people of Clifton are enthusiastic over the prospect of the highway to the valley being accomplished at an early date and it will also mean a great deal to the people of the valley, as, with a good road and shorter distance from the valley to Clifton, it means a matter of only a couple of hours to go to Clifton with valley produce and find a ready market. It will also mean daily visitors from the Copper City to the towns of the valley.

Company B Gets a Fund of \$314.50

A letter was received by the Safford Chamber of Commerce Friday evening from Quartermaster Sergeant R. W. Smith, Company B, First Regiment, A. N. G., in Camp Harry J. Jones, Douglas, which stated the need of funds to provide necessary articles for the members of the company, the "boys" being without the cash to purchase what they needed in the way of shoes, etc.

The Chamber of Commerce held a meeting early Saturday morning and passed a resolution authorizing \$100 of the funds of the organization to be sent at once to Company B for immediate use.

The Bank of Safford wired the news Saturday to Sergeant Smith that \$100 had been placed to the credit of Company B.

On the same day, Mrs. Z. C. Prina and Mrs. Kate Jennings started out with a subscription list to raise funds for Company B. Mrs. Prina's list totaled \$100 and Mrs. Jennings was successful in securing \$114.50. The total amount, \$314.50, was placed to the credit of Company B in the Bank of Safford and the news of the additional amount raised was wired to the Company.

In answer to the telegram sent to Sergeant Smith by the Bank of Safford, the following message was received:

"DOUGLAS, ARIZ., May 21, 1916.

"E. W. CLAYTON, Safford, Ariz.
"Telegram received. Entire Company overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation. Letter follows.
R. W. SMITH.

Rheumatism

If you are troubled with chronic or muscular rheumatism give Chamberlain's Liniment a trial. The relief from pain which it affords is worth many times its cost. Obtainable everywhere. adv 12 4t

SAFFORD SCHOOLS

Closed Friday with Exercises for the 1916 Graduating Class

The Safford Public Schools closed Friday. The graduating exercises for the class of 1916, were held in the auditorium of the High School building, beginning at 9:30 a. m. The hall was packed to the doors by the parents and patrons.

The following program was given:
Invocation..... Rev. E. A. Gottberg
Spring Song..... Chorus
Class History..... Cato Faulkner
Address to Class..... Supt. Heywood
Awarding of Diplomas..... Supt. Hittner
Class Song..... Class
Class Colors..... Pink and Orchid.
Class Motto..... "We're at the foothill, just climbing."

There were twenty-two graduates in the class of 1916, as follows:

Riva Birdno, Lois Brooking, Fannie Coons, Versa Evans, Cato Faulkner, Pearl Foote, Frank Foster, Richard Goodman, Lillian Graham, Ruby Gray, Lettie Higgins, Edna Merriam, Bertha Mullenaux, Hazel O'Bryan, Lola Platt, Frank Robles, Edgar Scarlett, Mona Smith, Bernice Sowell, Clay West, Claud Williams and Olga Young.

The Funeral of Private Morris

The body of Private Wilford Morris, of Company B, First Infantry, A. N. G., accompanied by Private Charles Geitz, arrived here Saturday evening. The body was removed to the home of the dead soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Morris, on P street.

A guard of honor, composed of the comrades of young Morris, consisting of Thomas Childers, G. E. Everett, David Ridgway and J. A. McNeil, were on duty at the home Saturday night.

Private Morris died suddenly in his tent at Camp Harry J. Jones, Douglas, Thursday, May 18th, 1916, about 12:00 o'clock noon. A post mortem examination disclosed the cause of death to be due to an attack of cerebral meningitis. The remains were enclosed in a hermetically sealed casket and the camp placed under quarantine as a precautionary measure against the disease.

The remains were brought here for burial under the condition that no public funeral be held and this condition was strictly complied with.

The funeral was held Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The casket, draped in the Stars and Stripes, was taken from the home to the hearse by the following members of Company B: John F. Weber, David Ridgway, Otto Lester, Thomas Childers, J. A. McNeil and G. E. Everett.

Only the family and immediate relatives accompanied the remains to Union cemetery, where the interment took place, after the grave was blessed by Bishop J. R. Welker.

Wilford Morris was born January 29, 1899, and the time of his death was 17 years, 3 months and 17 days of age. He was educated in the public school at Layton and was always considered as a youth of exemplary character and a kind and loving son and brother, and one who loved his home. His untimely death is greatly regretted by all who knew him in life and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved parents, sisters and brothers.

Dangers of Draft

Drafts feel best when we are hot and perspiring, just when they are most dangerous and the result is Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles or sometime an attack of Rheumatism. In such cases apply Sloan's Liniment. It stimulates circulation to the sore and painful part. The blood flows freely and in a short time the stiffness and pain leaves. Those suffering from Neuralgia or Neuralgic Headache will find one of two applications of Sloan's Liniment will give grateful relief. The agonizing pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth and quiet rest and sleep is possible. Good for Neuritis, too. Price, 25c. at your druggist. adv no 1

NEW TRUCK TESTED

Makes Fine Showing Pumping Water from Ditch and on Test Runs

F. W. Ayers, of Alameda, Cal., arrived here Sunday evening. Mr. Ayers was sent here by the Seagrave Co., of Columbus, Ohio, manufacturers of the new fire truck which arrived here last week for the Safford Volunteer Fire Department, for the purpose of demonstrating the truck.

Monday night, the fire ladders, with Mr. Ayers driving the truck, went to the Union ditch on M street for a pump test to draft water out of ditch. Two lines of hose were used. One line with one-inch nozzle and one line with three-fourths-inch nozzle. The one-inch nozzle delivered 295 gallons per minute, the three-fourths-inch nozzle 100 gallons per minute.

Tuesday night a test run was made to Thatcher to show speed of truck.

Wednesday afternoon a run was made to Solomonville and two streams of water was pumped out of the ditch.

Wednesday night, at 8:30 o'clock, the truck made the run to the High School grounds, to show the efficiency of the engine in putting out fires by the use of chemicals. A large bonfire was attacked and the tank of chemicals, 60 gallons, equal to 500 gallons of water was used successfully.

The fire truck has a four-cylinder T-head engine, 5 1/2 by 6 1/2. The engine has the A. L. A. M. rating of 52.8 horse power, with 96 brake horse power.

It is equipped with double water-proof ignition system, Bosch magneto, Westinghouse lighting system and starter, and has a single disc clutch and three speeds transmission.

The truck carries 1,500 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose and 200 feet of 1-inch hose for the chemical tank. Two 3-gallon Babcock fire extinguishers, two Pyrene fire extinguishers, for use on gas or electric fires. One 24-foot extension ladder, one 12-foot roof ladder and pike pole.

The entire car is built by the Seagrave Co., which gives a guarantee for one year for the machine.

Sunday, the truck will go to Thatcher for a water pumping test from a ditch.

Special sale on Ladies' Hats, at \$2.50. Krupp's Clothing Store. adv-15-1t

Former Safford Girl Is Married

Miss Mary R. Tuttle, daughter of Edward D. Tuttle, an ex-army officer and one of the pioneers of the Gila valley, settling in Safford with his family in 1877, but for several years past a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., was married Friday, May 19th, to Adelbert D. Webb, the ceremony taking place at St. John's Episcopal Church, Globe, Rev. J. L. Blair Larned officiating.

Mr. Webb is also an old Arizonan, having been engaged in the newspaper business here in the '90s. In 1898 he enlisted and went to Cuba with "Bucky" O'Neil's famous troop of Rough Riders, and has been employed by different mining companies in Arizona, Mexico and Africa since.

The bride left Monday for a short visit with her parents in Los Angeles and on her return the newly wedded couple will make their future home in Miami, where Mr. Webb holds a position with the Inspiration Consolidated Company.

ANNOUNCEMENT

S. C. Heywood has decided to enter the race again for the nomination of county school superintendent, subject to the action of the republican party at the primary election, September 12, 1916.

SAFFORD WINS

Safford was chosen for the 1917 meetings of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Rebekah Assembly, which will be held next April.

For Your Child's Cough

If your child has a cold, nose runs or coughs much, get a small bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is a pleasant Pine-Tar-Honey Syrup, just what children like and just the medicine to soothe the cough and check the cold. After taking, children stop fretting, sleep good and are soon entirely well. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, 25c. at your druggist. adv no 1

A ROYAL WELCOME

Is Given George A. Olney by the People of Greenlee County

Hon. George A. Olney, former sheriff and member of the board of supervisors from this county, arrived in Clifton Wednesday evening and was given a cordial welcome by his numerous friends says the Copper Era.

Mr. Olney was here in the interest of his candidacy for Governor in the democratic primaries, coming over from Wilcox where he spent Tuesday meeting the cattlemen of that section, a great number of whom he knows personally, having been engaged in the cattle business in that section several years ago.

A number of old-timers in this section were at the train to meet Mr. Olney and to assure him of their active support.

There is one circumstance connected with the candidacy of Mr. Olney for the democratic nomination that cannot fail to impress the democratic voter, and that is, his most enthusiastic supporters are found among those old-time citizens of the State who have known him over a period of thirty years. Some of them have been associated with him in a business way and others have served with him in an official capacity, and one and all testify as to his splendid ability as an executive and his high sense of honor in dealing with public questions.

In the democratic primaries Greenlee county will be found in the Olney column. George A. Olney will carry every precinct in the county and his majority in this county can be safely estimated at between four and five hundred. A conservative estimate of the majority for Olney in Graham and Greenlee counties combined is one thousand.

Mr. Olney has been in northern Arizona for the past month, and has visited practically every city in that part of the State. Through the whole district, he declares, prosperity is evident, and business conditions have taken on an attitude of permanency which was lacking when mine booms first directed the attention of Arizonans to the Santa Fe trails district.

Speaking of his campaign, Mr. Olney was reticent, but confident. He declares that northern Arizona is "for him" as near as he can judge at this early date, that the democrats of the top-floor counties realize that it is time for a change in the State government and he believes he will carry the roof garden of Arizona by a fair majority. Democracy, he states, will assert itself again in Arizona when the poll is taken this fall.

Mr. Olney spent Friday in Mo-reno and will leave Saturday morning for Duncan and Safford. After returning to his home in Phoenix, Mr. Olney will spend a week in Cochise county.

Salazar Gets Life Sentence

Jose Maria Salazar, charged as one of the murderers of Lee Wah, the Chinaman, who was brutally beaten to death at his place of business at Solomonville, on the night of December 22, 1915, by a gang of Mexican thugs for the purpose of robbery, was tried this week in the Superior Court for the crime.

The case went to the jury yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The jury was out until 7:45 o'clock last night, when they agreed on a verdict of murder in the first degree and fixed the sentence at imprisonment for life.

Geo. A. Olney Visits Valley

Hon. Geo. A. Olney arrived here Sunday from Clifton, where he spent several days meeting old friends and receiving assurance of their support of his candidacy for governor.

While here, Mr. Olney made trips to Pima and Thatcher and other valley points. He was greatly encouraged at the outlook in Graham county. Many people have come forward and assured him of their support unsolicited.

Mr. Olney left here Tuesday afternoon for Globe.

New line latest style Silk Crepe de Chine, Silk Poplin Dresses, at \$9.95, at Krupp's Clothing Store. adv-15-1t

SERVICES FOR PRIVATE MORRIS

Large Crowd of People Attend Layton Church Sunday Afternoon

W. M. CLAYDON MAKES REPORT

Program of Songs by Choir and Speaking by J. R. Welker and John F. Nash

Memorial services in honor of Private Wilford Morris, were held Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, in Layton Church, Bishop J. R. Welker, presiding. About 375 people attended the services and the following program was carried out:

Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," by the choir.

Prayer, by Silas Crum.
Bishop Welker then explained very briefly the reasons why it was not possible to hold a public funeral.

Wm. Moore Claydon, who made the trip to Douglas with Mr. Morris, father of the dead boy, gave the following account of his knowledge of the facts regarding the death of Wilford Morris:

"If I can keep control of my feelings sufficient to make a report of what was observed by those who went on this very undesirable trip to the southern part of the State, I will be very gratified."

"I, in company with Isaac P. Robinson, placed myself at the disposal of the family for any services we might be able to render them. It was severe punishment for me to have to deliver the news of the sad occurrence to the boy's father. Brother Morris and Brother Floyd Scarlett had been out quite a distance to a corral when we arrived at their stock camp, but soon returned and the sad news was delivered to him. Returning to Safford, we allowed thirty minutes for preparation for the journey to Douglas. Then Brother Robinson, Brother Morris, Ira Welker and myself left for Douglas."

"Arriving at Douglas, we were very kindly treated by the military authorities and talked with ten or twelve of the boys from this neighborhood in Company B. At the time of our arrival, we were surprised to find a condition of quarantine existing, but this quarantine was the result of the affliction of Wilford Morris, since there was no affliction of any nature in the camp, outside of Douglas. The boys in the only person in the tent at the time Wilford Morris passed away; but Thompson's affliction was appendicitis. Thompson was afterward taken to the hospital in Douglas and operated on for this disease and is getting the very best care under the best physicians obtainable in that city."

"No one had been allowed to see Dean Thompson since he was operated upon, but I was introduced to the physician attending him and permission was granted me to talk a few minutes with him. I ascertained from Thompson that Charles Geitz had been sleeping with Wilford; Thompson having his bed on the other side of the tent. The man nurse, looking after the two boys, came into the tent, presumably for Wilford's drinking cup to obtain drinking water for him. Immediately after the nurse left, Charles Geitz entered the tent, and walking up to Wilford, asked him how he felt. Wilford answered that he felt better. Captain Roach asked him if he still wished to go home and Wilford stated that he did. Captain Roach then told him that he would make arrangements for him to leave for Safford the next morning (Friday, May 19th). This appeared to satisfy Wilford."

"After Captain Roach left, he rose up in search of drinking water. Thompson said he then laid down on the pillow and said he wanted to go home; the latter being addressed to the man particular. Wilford then gave one or two groans and was quiet."

"A moment or two later, the nurse returned with the drinking water, and, going over to the bed, he noticed that Wilford was still. The nurse then said the doctor must have given him something to make him sleep, but Thompson said that he believed he was dead. Thompson could not go over to the cot where he lay, but there was no evidence of any suffering other than that given above."

"On account of Morris complaining of not feeling well, Captain Roach had excused him from duty. At the time of being relieved from duty he had been helping in the labor of building a guard house near the 14th Infantry, handling the material around there, or mixing some material for cement for the foundation. This was the last labor performed. The very kindest of attention had been bestowed upon him. I got the information contained in the last sentence from a dozen different men from Safford who are in the Company."

"Lieut. Clyde Liams, Lieut. Ernest Wickersham and Captain Roach went with us to see if we could procure the body to bring home. The military doctor explained the situation to Brother Morris and told him it would not be permissible to hold a public funeral and gave reasons therefor."

"Fluid to determine the cause of death was taken from the spine by the military doctor and State physician and placed under examination. It was then pronounced that death was due to a very severe case of spinal meningitis. (This statement was given by Warren Smith in the presence of several witnesses.) This entirely explodes theories that have been current around Safford to the effect that death was due to vaccination."

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